

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
Bicycle Advisory Board

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SEPTEMBER 2008 MINUTES

SUBJECT: Bicycle Advisory Board Monthly meeting September 8, 2008

ATTENDING: Richard Arey, Rob Barbosa, Chris Budel, Ed Lehr, Christina Morrison (PED), Kurt Schroeder, Jessica Treat

ABSENT: Matthew Cole (Ward 5), Eric Haugee (At Large), Paul Iovino (Police), David Kuebler (PW), Don Muske, Kera Peterson (At Large), Eric Thompson (Parks and Rec), RobVanasek (Ward 4)

GUESTS: Ellen Biales (Council President Lantry's office), Betsy Leach (District 1), Mary Voight (resident)

SUBMITTED BY: Christina Morrison

CALL TO ORDER: 6:40 P.M.

The following agenda items were suspended until the October meeting:

- Approval of the July and August 2008 meeting minutes
- Letters to be read into the record => Barbosa
 - Bike/Ped Coordinator Letter of Support
 - Lafayette Bridge Letter of Support
- Responses from Mayor's Office regarding letter of support for Bike/Ped Coordinator
- Meeting location for November 2008 - April 2009 Meetings => Barbosa
- Work Plan Progress => Barbosa
- Preliminary Bike/Ped Coordinator job description => Kuebler
- Ward Rep reports => Panel Discussion
- Snow Removal Policy => Kuebler
- Grant Proposals => open
- Event Updates
 - Highland Parkway Bicycle Boulevard => Muske/Treat for August 11 meeting and Treat for August 25th meeting
 - Bikes Belong/RNC/Freewheelin' Ride => Eric Thompson
 - SPPD RNC update => Paul Iovino
 - St. Paul Bike Classic => Richard Arey

A discussion of McKnight Road bicycling facilities was added to the agenda.

MOTION for APPROVAL of REVISED SEPTEMBER 2008 AGENDA: Lehr, E;
SECONDED: Budel, C; YEAS: 6 NEAS: 0; MOTION CARRIED

APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD = Besty Leach, District 1

Ms. Leach appeared before the board to discuss and the bike/ped coordinator campaign as it relates to getting the respective Wards informed and garnering their support for the position. Following is a summary of her presentation and subsequent Board discussion.

- Guest Speaker Betsy Leach from District 1 suggested how to approach District Councils to recruit their support for the coordinator position. She noted that it is best to show how the person could complement existing efforts, such as traffic calming, community building, and crime prevention.
- Ellen Biales noted that the Council is currently in ongoing budget discussions, so there is an opportunity, but time is limited. She added that the Council will be scrutinizing the Public Works budget for its implications on the city as a whole.
- There was some discussion about the possible source of funding for the Bike/Ped position. Rob Barbosa noted that he understood the position to be competing with CIB funds, which could be a conflict for District Councils. Christina Morrison offered to clarify the source of funding with Public Works staff.
- Barbosa noted that if the position is not supported by the Council, the BAB should be ready with letters and resolution of support from the District Councils. Leach noted that the District Councils all have different timelines and meeting dates, and that the letters and resolution template should be ready soon to get on their October agendas.
- Lehr volunteered to put a letter and resolution template together by Friday so that BAB members could review and get changes to him to mail out by Wednesday, September 17. Jessica Treat offered to help with the resolution. There was also discussion about presenting the information to the Community Organizers' meeting to inform all the District Councils in the short timeline. Treat recommended that the BAB request letters and resolutions from the District Councils by the end of October.

MCKNIGHT ROAD BIKE FACILITIES

- Mary Voight, a resident of McKnight Road, expressed concern about safety on the street and requested the BAB to consider bike lanes. She stated that many people would use a safer connection. Voight noted that there is no lane between Carver and Lower Afton and no stripe at all between Lower Afton and Londin Lane.
- Leach noted that McKnight is a county road, and that the BAB should partner with the Commissioner McDonough to push for the improvements. Barbosa noted that he has worked with McDonough in the past to implement projects. Lehr also said that he had a conversation with Sheldon Johnson, and offered that Johnson may be a good partner for the agencies involved.

ADJOURN

- MOTION to ADJOURN: Arey, R; SECONDED: Lehr, E; YEAS: 6
NEAS: 0; MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:05 PM

Next meeting: **Tuesday, September 7, 2008;** Time/Location in Ward 4??